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TOPIC Airfield and Panzer Kaserne at Kamenz 25X1A

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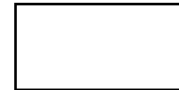
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- 25X1X 1. During the period from 18 through 24 October 1952, 13 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes were stationed at Kamenz airfield. The canvas covered aircraft were parked at the western edge of the installation and guarded by VP sentries. Six caterpillar tractors were standing at the southeastern edge of the field. The VP personnel who wore black-bordered blue epaulets with blue collar patches and wings were given pilot training by Soviet instructors.¹
- 25X1B 2. The Panzer Kaserne continued to quarter about 1,500 VP, who wore the new uniforms with blue collar patches and wings. The northeastern building in the southern section of the billeting area quartered about 50 Soviet Air Force soldiers, and the former dispensary was used to quarter Soviet soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Twenty trucks and two sedans were seen at the barracks. Reconditioning work at the installation continued; the former clubhouse was nearing completion. 25X1B
3. During the period from late October through 21 November, the field was occupied by about 20 light trainers fitted with radial engines. Two-man crews flew the trainers. The VP personnel were trained by Soviet instructors. Thus far, take-offs and landings were practiced. During bad weather, there was no flying, and instruction was given on aircraft to an average of 300 to 350 men. In late October, a trainer crashed near the airfield killing a VP student pilot; the flight instructor was injured. The plane was damaged heavily.²
4. A total of about 550 men was employed for construction work on eight hangars and the flight control station. Patches of woodland at the eastern and northeastern edges of the field were also being cleared. The flight control station and two hangars measuring 60x80 meters each were nearing completion. Excavation work for six hangars was completed. The completion date for the hangars was 1 January 1953. Work on the planned southwest-northeast runway had not been started. VP personnel told at the construction bureau that the field was going to be a training installation for fighter pilots and that the construction cost for the project was estimated at 50 million eastmarks.³
5. A brick wall 2 meters high was being built along the Kamenz-Wittichenau highway. A high wall had also been built along sections of the eastern edge of the installation, which was exclusively guarded by VP personnel. About 30 men were on guard duty at any given time.

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6. The VP personnel wore olive drab uniforms with blue epaulets and blue collar patches with wings. The officers' epaulets were similar to those worn by personnel of the former German Army.
7. The Soviet instructors, a total of about 180 men lived in a separate building at the Panzer Kaserne. This building was guarded by Soviet sentries. An estimated 1,000 to 1,200 VP personnel were quartered at the installation which was being enlarged as considerably more VP personnel were expected to arrive.

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1. Comment. The pilots of the VI air regiment stationed at the Panzer Kaserne in Kamenz are being trained at Kamenz airfield. About 13 Yak-18s are available for pilot training.

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2. Comment. The large number of VP personnel that participated in the technical instruction on aircraft tends to support the assumption that technical training for ground personnel is being given in Kamenz besides pilot training. This assumption would also explain why the VP unit in Kamenz is much larger than the VP air regiment in Bautzen.

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3. Comment. Information on extensive construction work at Kamenz airfield is received for the first time. So far, it had only been known that two hangars and a flight control station were under construction at Kamenz.

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